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Memo to all East Timor Solidarity groups

UN Decolonisation Committee, 1990

You are reminded please to start making arrangements for petitions to be submitted to the UN Decolonisation Committee this year when it discusses the question of East Timor. This year will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Indonesian invasion; it is therefore hoped that a record number of petitioners will appear before the Committee. The best previous number of petitioners was achieved in 1988 when 21 people appeared.

It has also been suggested that a special effort be made to ensure the participation of well-known individuals, MPs, politicians, academics and church people.

I was informed today that the Committee is likely to discuss East Timor in the first or second week of August. The precise date is likely to be fixed in late June or early July.

You or the petitioner personally should write as quickly as possible to:

The Chairman,
UN Committee of 24,
UN Secretariat, Room 3341,
UN Plaza,
New York, NY 10017, USA.
Fax: (212) 963 4879 Phone: (212) 963 5411

The number of petitioners will help determine the amount of time allotted to East Timor; hence the need to send your request as soon as possible. But if you cannot yet send a request, it is not too late to do so in June or even in July.

Upon receipt of your request, the Committee will send you an acknowledgement and will later inform you of the date when the petitioner should appear.

Carmel Budiardjo

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